GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2509
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ISI ACTIVITIES IN U.P.
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item `Rising ISI activities in UP pose security risk` appearing in the `Hindustan Times` dated April 19, 2001;

(b) if so, whether activities of SIMI and ISI are on the rise in Uttar Pradesh and they pose security risk;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether there is any proposal to ban Student Islamic Movement of India in various States, particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e): Recent arrests in connection with several cases of terrorist violence in the country, revealed the links of militants of Hizbul Mujahideen with some activists of SIMI.

Some State Governments have suggested to the Central Government to consider banning of Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI). Such suggestions are carefully examined with reference to the available evidence in consultation with the concerned State Governments and agencies before any view is taken in the matter.